

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, please add the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/861,455, filed May 18, 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF REDUNDANT CABLING IN A MEDIA STORAGE SYSTEM."

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 5, line 30, as shown below:

FIGURE 3 is a simplified side view of a portion of media storage device 10 with an embodiment of dual data cartridge picker assemblies 20 12 and 20' 12' according to the teachings of the present invention. Upper picker assembly 20 12 and lower picker assembly 20' 12' may be of identical construction and functionality. Picker assembly 20 12 includes a cartridge plunge mechanism 12 and a Z-fold umbilical cable 42 attached to a high point on the picker translator frame 20. Similarly, picker assembly 20' 12' includes a cartridge plunge mechanism 12' and a Z-fold umbilical cable 44 coupled to a low point on the picker translator frame 20'. Picker assemblies 20 12 and 20' 12' are capable of operating independently and in a coordinated manner together to access the media cartridges. As picker assembly 20 12 moves up, slack in upper umbilical cable 42 is folded into a storage tray (not shown) disposed on top of picker assembly 20 12. As picker assembly 20' 12' moves down, slack in lower umbilical cable 44 is folded and collected onto the bottom floor of picker translate frame. Other embodiments are possible. For example, cable self-retracting mechanisms may be used to gather up slack in the cable to prevent entanglement.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 24, as shown below:

In a preferred embodiment, both picker assemblies 20 12 and 20' 12' operate together to access media storage cartridges in a less time. Upper picker assembly 20 12 may be

assigned to the upper media storage cartridges and lower picker assembly 20' 12' may be assigned to the lower media storage cartridges. Because each picker assembly is closer to its destination, media access is speeded up. Furthermore, if a picker assembly experiences fault or malfunction, it may automatically return to its respective parking area so that the remaining picker assembly may continue to operate to cover the entire range of media storage bays without any service interruption. Alternatively, the picker assemblies may operate in active/standby mode during normal operations.